

Flood Risk Notification Program

The Flood Risk Notification Program (FRN Program) is part of the Department of Water Resources' (DWR) FloodSAFE California Initiative. The program's key goal is to increase flood risk awareness by effectively communicating that risk to individual property owners, the public, and local, state, and federal agencies. This includes encouraging people to understand the levee system that protects them; be prepared and aware of their flood risk; and take appropriate actions before, during, and after flooding to protect themselves, minimize damage to their property or personal possessions, and facilitate recovery.

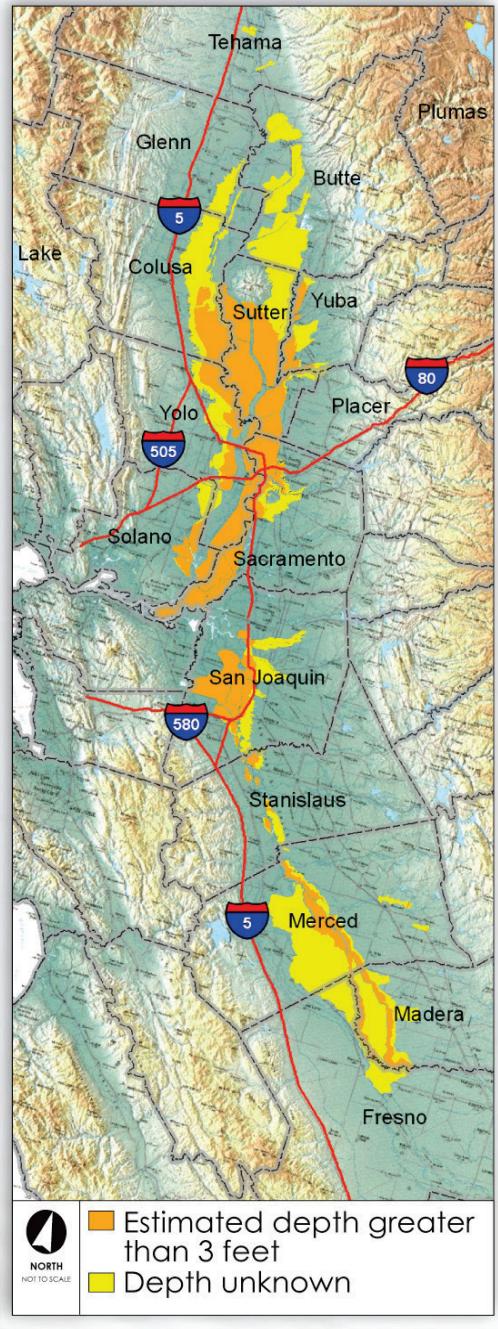
To achieve this goal, the FRN Program is:

- Sending out an annual notice to property owners whose property is at risk of flooding
- Maintaining accurate Levee Flood Protection Zone (LFPZ) maps and an associated parcel information database (please note: these maps are different from Federal Emergency Management Agency regulatory maps)
- Providing people with useful ways to assess risk and reduce flood loss
- Establishing outreach and educational projects with public involvement
- Expanding its interactive Flood Risk Notification website
- Collaborating with federal agencies, local agencies, and communities

Notification of Flood Risk

In September 2010, DWR provided the first annual written notice of flood risks to each landowner whose property is protected by State Plan of Flood Control levees and is within an LFPZ. The notice informs recipients of their property's potential flood risks and potential sources of flooding, and offers flood emergency planning and preparedness tips. It encourages recipients to take preventative actions such as purchasing flood insurance, elevating or "floodproofing" their buildings, and preventing blockage of channels, drains, and ditches.

Levee Flood Protection Zone Map



Even if a levee is designed for the FEMA standard of a 1% annual chance flood, there is a 1-in-4 chance of a larger flood occurring within any 30-year period (the life of a typical home mortgage).

Residual Flood Risk?

If levees or other flood protection facilities are present, the frequency of flooding may be reduced. However, even if levees have been effectively maintained, they can fail or be "overtopped," with devastating consequences. For example, some urban areas in the Central Valley may experience flood depths of 20 feet or more if a levee fails, resulting in loss of homes, businesses, and possibly life. In other words, though risk of flooding can be significantly reduced by levees and other flood protection facilities, it cannot be entirely eliminated. Some residual risk will remain. Increasing public awareness and understanding of this residual risk are key goals of the annual notifications.

Need more information?

Website: www.water.ca.gov/myfloodrisk

Call: 1 (877) 769-7475 (English or Español)

E-mail: myfloodrisk@water.ca.gov

FloodSAFE:

The Department of Water Resources launched FloodSAFE in 2006 to address the increasing flood risks throughout California. FloodSAFE is a multi-faceted initiative designed to improve flood management in the state, using a system-wide approach while also carrying out regional projects, and enhancing DWR's core flood management programs already in place. FloodSAFE has five primary goals:

- Reduce the chance of flooding
- Reduce the consequences of flooding
- Sustain economic growth
- Protect and enhance ecosystems
- Promote sustainability of the flood management system

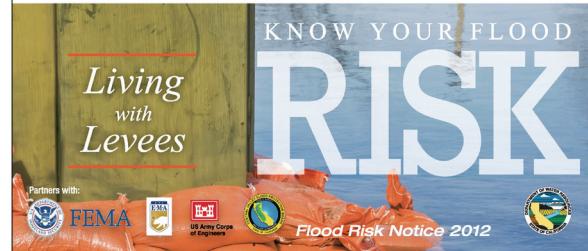
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Dear Property Owner:

Your property is located behind a State-Federal project levee. According to our records, your property located at _____ may be exposed to potential flood risk from the _____. Your property may also be at risk for flooding from other sources not identified in this notice, such as creeks and local storm drains. Visit www.water.ca.gov/myfloodrisk and enter your property address to find the areas subject to flooding if State-Federal project levees should fail, and to get information about State-Federal levees in your area.



BE AWARE of your flood risk
and **be prepared**.



Consider these facts:

- Levees may reduce, but do not eliminate, the risk of flooding.
- In California, from 1950 through 2007, flooding caused more than \$4.8 billion in property damage (Source: CalEMA).
- Flood damage is not covered by most standard home, renter, and business owners' insurance policies.
- The State recommends that you obtain flood insurance for your property. Contact your insurance agent or call the National Flood Insurance Program at 1-888-435-6637, or visit:

www.water.ca.gov/myfloodrisk

»»» Remember »»» this simple »»» 3-step plan



13
The number of times California has been flooded in the 1866 Central Valley floods

70
Number of times Central Valley State-Federal project levees have breached during flooding since 1963

2.7
Billion dollars in damages caused by the 1982 Central Valley floods

1 in 4
Chance that a major flood could damage your property over the next 30 years

Get a list of your local emergency contacts and more local, state, and federal information at:

www.water.ca.gov/myfloodrisk

myfloodrisk@water.ca.gov 1-877-7MY-RISK (1-877-769-7475) TTY: 711 (contact 1-877-769-7475)

Please share this important notice with your tenants. Have it translated if necessary.



ESTA NOTIFICACION CONTIENE INFORMACION IMPORTANTE.
Por favor compártala con sus vecinos. Tradúzcalas si es necesario.
Para preguntas llame al 1-877-769-7475 o visite:
www.water.ca.gov/myfloodrisk

A PDF of the 2012 flood risk notice is available on the flood risk notification website: www.water.ca.gov/myfloodrisk.



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